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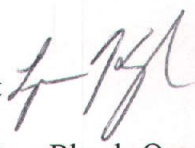
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September 30, 1999

TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Site Inspection, American Stone Company, Peoa Blonde Quarry, M/043/012, Summit County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 15, 1999
Time of Inspection: 9:00 a.m.
Conditions: Clear, cool
Participants: Lynn Kunzler and Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To document site conditions.

This inspection was conducted while in the general area and resulting from recent complaints received by the Division that stone quarry operations in the area were exceeding the permitted acreage. The last inspection at this site on May 29, 1998 showed about 12 acres of disturbance. Subsequently, the Division had issued a Notice of Agency Action for exceeding the small mine threshold of 5 acres, required an interim reclamation surety and that the site be permitted as a large mining operation. The Division received the interim surety on October 8, 1998 and the Notice of Intention to Conduct Large Mining Operations on October 27, 1998. The Division has reviewed the original notice and sent comments to American Stone that needed to be addressed before the Notice could be considered complete. A deadline of October 8, 1999 has been established for American Stone to submit a response to the Division's review.

Upon arrival at the site, it was evident that the operation has expanded significantly from the last inspection. A GPS unit was used to determine the extent of disturbance at the site. The results of this survey showed 17.7 acres of disturbance (this is a 5.7 acre increase in disturbance from the last inspection). Enforcement action may be warranted in as much as there was to be no new disturbance (from the last inspection until the Large Mining Notice was approved (Refer to the July 20, 1998 Notice of Agency Action, the October 19, 1998 formal approval of Form and Amount of Interim Reclamation Surety, and the January 5, 1999 permit status letter).

Other changes that were noted at the site from the last inspection include development of a spring within the disturbed area. A crusher has been set up and was operating during this inspection, the trailer that had been near the south east corner of the disturbance has been relocated to the northeast corner of the new disturbance, a water line has been installed from the spring to the trailers. The large water tank and rock tumbler were not observed. A fuel tank has been installed (estimated 350 gallon capacity) and was within secondary containment. However, in addition to the fuel tank, over a dozen 50-gallon barrels were observed around the fuel tank (a worker indicated that the barrels were used for fuel storage as well). There was no secondary containment for the barrels.

After this inspection, the Division of Water rights was contacted to determine if the proper water right appropriation was made for the water development. A water right was approved for this spring.

The Division of Air Quality was contacted to determine if a Air Quality Approval Order had been issued for the crusher. According to their database, American Stone does not have an air quality approval, nor has application been made. Summit County was contacted to determine whether the County has approved the location of the trailers and sewage treatment. A temporary use permit had been granted.

Several photos were taken to document site conditions.

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